

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

February 5, 2014

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

Ronald McCormick, Saratoga
Wayne Outlaw, Nash County
Vines Cobb, Pinetops
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
Cheryl Oliver, Selma
Al Wester, Red Oak

NCDOT

Jerry Page, Division 4
Suzette Ogbon, TPB

UCPRPO

James Salmons

TAC meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – Kenneth Jones – TAC Chair

TAC Chair Mr. Kenneth Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He reported that Mrs. Louise Hinton will be representing Nashville and Mrs. Carol Ruffin will be representing Tarboro in future meetings. Mr. Jerry Page introduced himself as filling in for Jimmy Eatmon with NCDOT Division 4.

Action Items

2. Minutes – TAC Meeting November 13, 2013

After reviewing the Minutes for November 13, 2013, UPON A MOTION by Mr. Vines Cobb (Pinetops) and a second by Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

3. Ethics Requirements for TAC Members

Mr. Jones reminded TAC members of the Ethics Requirements of filing the SEC and Real Estate Disclosure report. The due date for completing the requirements is April 15, 2014.

4. ENC Coalition Update

Mr. James Salmons reported that the ENC Coalition Staff was planning a meeting within the next couple of weeks. He stated that the organization was serving an important role of providing a forum to allow for better regional transportation planning and cooperation for eastern North Carolina.

New Business

5. SPOT 3.0 Update Schedule

Mr. Salmons reported that the deadline for new projects has been moved back to February 24, 2014 and that the SPOT ONLINE tool is functional and is accepting new projects. Mr. Jerry Page reported that the US 70 project through Pine Level has already received funding and would not be a part of the STI Prioritization Process and is currently in right of way acquisition. Mr. Page stated that the US 70 project through Wilson's Mills currently did not have funding and would need to be prioritized through the STI process. All new projects not in the five year work program will have to be prioritized within the new STI law.

6. UCPRPO STI Draft Ranking Methodology

Mr. Salmons reported that the RPO staff created a website for public viewing of the most current information about the STI process and the UCPRPO. The site includes an interactive map with all the current UCPRPO projects with preliminary data driven scores to help members evaluate and prioritize projects. Included in the interactive map under the "Downloads" tab is where members and the public may download and view the Comprehensive Transportation Plan adopted by all the County and Municipalities. It was reported that after three work sessions in November, December, 2013 and January, 2014, a DRAFT UCPRPO STI Proposed Ranking Methodology was produced and presented to the group for public review and comments.

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Mr. Salmons reported that he had submitted the document to the NCDOT Methodology Committee for their review and comment. Mr. Jerry Page reported that Division 4 was having a public hearing on Thursday, February 6, at the Agriculture Center in Wilson. Mr. Salmons reminded members that the STI local input percentages are:

- Regional Level -
Data Driven Scores 70%
15% Division 4 input
15% UCPRPO RPO input
- Division Level -
Data Driven Scores 50%
25% Division
25% UCPRPO RPO input

A brief review of the draft methodology process and how the projects will receive the UCPRPO points was provided.

Other Business

7. PWP Amendment

The members reviewed the PWP Amendment that was forwarded to prior with the agenda and included in the handouts provided at the meeting. After reviewing and UPON A MOTION by Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by James Alston (Castalia) the PWP Amendment was unanimously approved. Mr. Salmons reported that the UCPRPO had already received the grant letter funding the RPO for the FY1415. He requested that if any members had any suggested projects for the RPO to let him know so that they could be incorporated into the new PWP for next year.

8. TAC Member Comments

There were no TAC member comments.

9. NCARPO January Meeting

Mr. Salmons reported that due to the weather the RPO101 training would be postponed. He also reported that the NCRPO did meet and that the group did appoint representatives to represent the RPO's on the SPOT 4.0 workgroup that is scheduled to begin meeting in July, 2014.

10. Tarboro Pedestrian Plan

Mr. Salmons reported that the GIS layer for the current sidewalks are complete and that he met with Mr. Edmondson to plan for the first steering committee meeting and to plan on collected historical sites located within Tarboro.

Reports

11. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Jerry Page asked if the group had any questions on any specific ongoing projects. Mr. Kenneth Mills asked about the highway in front of Wilson's Mills Elementary School. It was recommended that UCPRPO staff contact the NCDOT Municipal & School Transportation Engineer to see if a solution could be found.

12. NCDOT Planning Branch

Mrs. Suzette Morales reported that the Functional Classifications have been submitted and are waiting for approval from the NCDOT Functional Classifications Workgroup.

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Public Comment

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next TAC meeting will be held on March 12, 2014.

A motion from Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Wayne Outlaw (Nash County) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Jones, TAC Chair

UCPRPO Transportation Planner